

HOUSE BILL 2643

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,  
relative to law enforcement officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (8) and substituting instead the following:

(8) Have a good moral character as determined by a thorough investigation conducted by the employing agency. For purposes of this section, a person shall not be deemed to have good moral character if the person is a member of a hate group or terrorist organization, as determined by the employing agency. It is not the intent of this subdivision (8) to interfere with the exercise of rights protected by the constitution of the United States; and

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 3, is amended by adding the following new section:

Membership in a hate group or terrorist organization, as determined by the employing agency, is sufficient grounds for termination of a law enforcement officer for lack of good moral character. It is not the intent of this section to interfere with the exercise of rights protected by the constitution of the United States.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.